

GROPING ABOUT THE SEAS

**CAPTAIN AND MATE BLINDED AND
SAILING BY GUESS WORK.**

For Weeks Not a Soul Aboard the *Syringa*.
 Knew Where They Were—Finally Filled
 Afloat of the North American Continent.

The bark *Syringa* of St. Johns, N. B., James Wright, skipper, sailed from Brunswick, Ga., for Hamburg, with a cargo of oil barrels about five months back. Her crew consisted of captain, two mates, first officer, steward, and eight sailors. They had not been away when all the officers, the steward, and some of the men, were attacked violently with dizziness. To the sailors, however, the ailment was confined to the feet and legs, beginning at the feet, gradually crept up the legs. Their sight was also affected, but not sufficiently to interfere materially with sailing the ship. All these symptoms were aggravated in proportion to the rank of the sufferers. The captain and his brother, the first mate, were the sickest. The steward, the second mate came next, and then the third officer and the crew. The least were scarcely sick at all.

In due course of time the Syngers arrived at Hamburg, where the second mate was discharged, and a German taken in his stead. Aftership was supplied with a quantity of chlorides of potash and magnesium, Captain Wright set out for this city. They had been sailing for some time, but no symptoms, which had disappeared while they were at Hamburg, again manifested themselves. The second mate was discharged, and the two Wrights. The steward also became ill, but he was not taken down, and the second mate was continued comparatively well. The doctor endeavored to ascertain the cause of his mysterious malady. He examined the food and the cooking utensils, but found nothing to account for it. He attributed a poisonous character except the tea. He was inclined to suspect that, apparently because of the fact that the second mate was the strongest tea being the sickest. He and his brother had been drinking the same tea, but the privilege by being sicker than the steward who had the second steeps, while the crew was not affected. Before giving up the tea altogether,

James Wright resolved to try some experiments with the natives, and ordered them to be taken and eaten up all the potato bunnies and other small animals that he could find. He first determined to feed them on the leaves. One didn't take kindly to this new diet and refused to eat. He was killed by the natives and died in a few hours. Cant, Wright kept the other rabbit without food until it was willing to eat. He and his wife were then able to get on quickly.

There was no tobacco, but although their food was not so good as they had been used to, it seemed to be the cause of their trouble. The two Wrights, so far as seeing was concerned, were not troubled. The natives spread over their eyes and blinded their vision. They gradually became so blind that the natives were able to kill them. It was not long, however, that their calculations were unreliable. As nobody else on board knew anything of the whereabouts of the two Wrights, the north was sailed by guess work, and the vessel with its ill-fated Captain and mate, groped about in the fog until it was wrecked. The only thing knowing where else was where she was going was the wind. The vessel was wrecked on the American continent, and with the aid of friends, the two Wrights were rescued. They were craftygoing in the same direction as the land. The vessel was wrecked on the American continent. They reached here on April 16, seventy-two days after leaving Hamburg.

There were no small boats there, so the

the cargo was consigned, and laying up the vessel at the National Commerce Company's wharf, where Commander Wright was to be met. Capt. Wright sought an oculist to learn what was the cause of his blindness, and Dr. J. O. Tansley, whom he consulted, found the veins of the Capillary system of the eye enlarged, and he inferred that the brain must also be congested, although even the visible symptoms were new. He said that the congestion of the brain might dictate the cause of the congestion and contraction of the eye. The brain could but just sustain the circulation of eight ounces of blood, and an ordinary congestion could disgorge 200 ounces, and he said that he could not tell what he could under the circumstances, and Captain Wright is now slowly regaining his sight at the rate of one line of vision every day. He has lost 15 pounds of flesh which he lost during his illness, and he is now 160 pounds, and he is now as well as when he landed on the 16th but 160, and this has changed his appearance that his wife, who had feared that he would never see her again, has refused to believe that such a thin, blind man was her partly keen-eyed husband.

It is not probable that Captain Wright, who has been a sailor for 20 years, and who has seen the tea houses might be poisonous, took a sample of them to Dr. Cyrus Elyson of the Health Department, and he found them to be perfectly pure, and he turned the tea to be of very low grade—

The Priests Denound Jesus.

Messrs. John Hooy and W. B. Dinamore of Adams Express Company sent a letter to the President of the Board of Directors of the Synagogue of Jerusalem, in which they requested permission to hear the lecture of Joseph Howard, Jr., at the cemetery fund of the club. Prof. O. R. Gleason, the son of the Hotel Dan forwarded a check for \$25. To save space for this.

Customs Warehouse Superintendent.

John C. Valentine was appointed by the Collector of Customs to be Superintendent of the Customs Warehouse and Storekeepers. He is a member of the

County Democracy of the Fourth district, and in the
John Conway has been appointed Superintendent of
Public Schools, Vice William W. Foster, removed.

Young Lawyer Hyde Arrested.

Louis W. Hyde, Jr., a young lawyer, of 41
chambers street, who is the person accused of swindling
the city of \$100,000, was arrested at his residence last
night. He has been arrested in Big Springs, Tex. He had
no connection with the tax office, and it is not supposed
that he was in the city at the time the money was
sent to the alleged frauds, which do not amount to more
than \$100,000.

City Officials to Attend a Funnal Meeting.

The Rev. Father Malone of the Church of St.
Peter and Paul, has invited the Brooklyn Board of Al-
dermen to attend a citizens' mass meeting on Thursday
next in Williamsburg, under the direction of the Third
ward. The Rev. Father Malone said the Aldermen will
attend and will be Vic-
toretti. President of the meeting, while
Mayor Whitney will preside.

Mr. Crocker Taken to his Home.

Mr. Charles Crocker, who has thrown out
his wagon while driving on St. Nicholas avenue last
night, was taken to his home at 10 West 14th street. He
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Corporation Counsel Lacombe has advised the Aldermen that the extension of the Madison Avenue Railroad through Eighth-street is not contrary to city law.

George H. Eddy, the artist, received permission yesterday to place a mural painting of the city's history of art in the Governor's room, to be viewed in a historical painting.

John H. Dagenhardt, a grocer, of 798 Eleventh avenue, was fined \$100 yesterday for selling oleomargarine on Feb. 9 to Edmund D. Wilson, an inspector of the Dairy Commission.

Nine bars of newspaper metal, washed ashore from the Oregon, reached the Post Office yesterday. Four of them were sent to the Letter Office. This makes 271 out of 306 bars recovered.

The Republican Club, the Young Men's Democratic Club, and the City Reform have sent a petition to the Aldermen asking that the bill for voting for the Aldermen on a general ticket.